



Board of Park Commissioners

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<http://www.de-pere.org>

Final Minutes

Thursday, June 21, 2018

6:30 PM

De Pere City Hall Council Chambers

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board Member George Brown

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Ryan Jennings	Aldersperson	Present	
Larry Lueck	Aldersperson	Present	
Dean Raasch	Aldersperson	Present	
George Brown	Board Member	Present	
Sue Schinkten	Board Member	Excused	
Randy Soquet	Board Member	Present	
Bill Volpano	Board Member	Present	
Ella Bublotz	Teen Advisor	Absent	
Lydia McMorro	Teen Advisor	Present	

II. Action Items

1. Approve Board of Park Commissioners Minutes from the May 17, 2018 Meeting.

Randy Soquet made a motion to approve the Board of Park Commissioner's minutes from the May 17, 2018 meeting, seconded by Aldersperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Raasch, Brown, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Sue Schinkten

2. Approve \$2500 Donation from Wochinske Family Foundation for Rec Scholarship Fund*

Randy Soquet made a motion to accept a \$2,500 donation from Wochinske Family Foundation for the Recreation Scholarship Fund, seconded by Aldersperson Lueck. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Larry Lueck, Aldersperson
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Raasch, Brown, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Sue Schinkten

3. Consider Proposal from Definitely De Pere to Construct and Fundraise for Historical Monument.*

Aldersperson Jennings gave a presentation on the Claude Allouez Historical Monument. The monument was originally located in the parking lot of George Street Landing, where George Street ends at Front Street. It was removed when the new bridge was built, and then the plaque was mounted on the bridge. Definitely De Pere is looking to rebuild that same monument in the James Street Parkway. Definitely De Pere got involved because

they feel the monument could be a great addition to the downtown historical walk, which is part of the downtown master plan. Brown County has requested that the constructed monument stay at least 6 feet from the Fox River Trail; however City Planner Peter Schleinz requested it be located at least 9 feet off the trail. This would result in minor design changes from what is presented.

Discussion followed.

Aldersperson Raasch questioned why the monument was taken down. He stated he struggles with the wording of the plaque and questioned if any input was requested from the Menominee Indian tribe, as this tribe predominately occupied the area at this time. Randy Soquet mentioned that the Potawatomi tribe might have had a strong presence in the area at that time as well.

Aldersperson Jennings stated that the Historical Preservation Committee is in favor of recommissioning the plaque as part of De Pere history.

Aldersperson Crevier, member of the Historic Preservation Committee, spoke regarding the wording of the plaque.

Aldersperson Raasch feels input should be requested from the Native Americans and, if interested, they should be included in the design.

Aldersperson Crevier stated the anniversary date of September 6th is the targeted grand opening date.

Aldersperson Jennings commented that if there was a way to recognize the Native Americans that were there at the time, this could be a broader historical educational piece.

Bill Volpano questioned the controversy of the monument when it has been displayed for years.

Randy Soquet made a motion to accept the proposal from Definitely De Pere to build and fundraise for the historical monument as presented, seconded by Bill Volpano. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 5-0 vote, with Aldersperson Jennings abstaining from vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
AYES:	Lueck, Raasch, Brown, Soquet, Volpano
ABSTAIN:	Ryan Jennings
EXCUSED:	Sue Schinkten

4. Consider recognition of Mary Meyer at Southwest Park Playground.

Marty Kosobucki confirmed that there are two park benches included in the playground design at Southwest Park. The cost to have a plaque installed on a bench to recognize Mary Meyer would be around \$100 - \$150.

Aldersperson Raasch made a motion to approve recognizing Mary Meyer for her efforts at Southwest Park, by installing a plaque on a bench, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dean Raasch, Aldersperson
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Raasch, Brown, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Sue Schinkten

5. Consider alterations to Voyageur Park break wall project.

Marty Kosobucki gave a brief summary of the Voyageur Park break wall project stating the engineering department discovered the break wall and infrastructure is in far worse condition than anticipated. They recommend removing part of the sidewalk and install rip rap instead. The original budget for the repairs was \$10,000 and the recommended repairs are estimated at \$3,000.

Discussion followed.

Randy Soquet made a motion to approve the alterations to the Voyageur Park break wall project, seconded by Alderperson Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Ryan Jennings, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Raasch, Brown, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Sue Schinkten

6. Consider Recommendation to City Council to Support Changes to Fish Refuge by De Pere Dam.*

Marty Kosobucki gave an update on the fish refuge near the De Pere dam. He stated a letter was drafted to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, recommending changes to the time frame the refuge is in place. The recommendation would be to forward the letter to Common Council and for a resolution to be drafted supporting the letter.

Discuss followed.

Randy Soquet made a motion to approve the recommendation to City Council to support changes to the fish refuge near the De Pere dam, seconded by Alderperson Raasch. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously, with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
SECONDER:	Dean Raasch, Alderperson
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Raasch, Brown, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Sue Schinkten

7. Review and approve proposed Capital Improvement Plan.

Marty Kosobucki gave an update on the proposed seven year Capital Improvement Plan, stating focus should be placed on 2019-2020. Project priority is given to addressing safety issues and fixing existing property, before considering anything new.

Discussion followed.

Alderperson Lueck questioned the concession stand renovations at Southwest Park and Optimist Park, and the parking lot and basketball court at Optimist Park.

Alderperson Jennings questioned the VFW parking lot improvements.

Bill Volpano questioned the aerial truck purchase.

Alderperson Lueck questioned if items that are not approved in one year would get bumped to the following year.

Alderperson Jennings questioned crack filling and paving projects.

Marty Kosobucki asked if there were any capital related projects, not listed in the Capital Improvement Plan that the board felt needed to be addressed.

George Brown questioned the pickleball courts at Legion Park.

George Brown asked about a fence around the Voyageur Park playground, stating many people really like the feature of the temporary fencing.

Alderperson Lueck questioned improvements to Optimist Park parking. He feels it is a dangerous situation with all the street parking, and would like the amount looked at to see if the additional parking lot could larger. Along with possibly adjusting the dollar amount, move the item up from #15 to #9 and cycle everything down.

Alderperson Raasch questioned the Southwest Park paving item.

Bill Volpano commented on Optimist Park parking issues, asking if there is enough area for the parking on Cook Street to be angled parking instead of parallel parking.

Bill Volpano made a motion to approve the proposed Capital Improvement Plan as discussed, seconded by Randy Soquet. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Volpano, Board Member
SECONDER:	Randy Soquet, Board Member
AYES:	Jennings, Lueck, Raasch, Brown, Soquet, Volpano
EXCUSED:	Sue Schinkten

III. Staff Updates

1. Update on Ongoing Aquatic Center Design.

Marty Kosobucki gave an update on the Aquatic Center design, which is anticipated to be done by the end of next week and the designs should be ready for the July meeting.

2. Update on Pool openings and mechanical issues.

Marty Kosobucki gave an update on the pool openings and the mechanical issues already encountered.

3. Update on Bomier Boat Launch Grant application with WDNR.

Marty Kosobucki gave an update on the Bomier Boat Launch grant stating that the application has been submitted to the WDNR and the Waterway Commission meeting is set for August 14th

4. Update on Southwest Park Playground installation

Marty Kosobucki stated that the playground at Southwest Park should be installed by the middle of August.

5. Update on Large Community Stage at Voyageur Park.

Marty Kosobucki stated the Cultural District Plan will be going to the July 17th City Council meeting. After the results of this meeting, the Large Community Stage will be on the Park Board agenda.

IV. Future Agenda Items

None

V. Public Comment Period

Ken Peterson thanked the Park Board for all their work on the development of the new playground at Voyageur Park. At the first City Band concert of the year, more people attended than ever before. They brought the kids down to play on the playground and then stayed for the concert.

VI. Adjournment

Bill Volpano made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 pm, seconded by Alderperson Jennings. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously with a 6-0 vote.

Any person wishing to attend this meeting who, because of disability, requires special accommodations should contact the Clerk-Treasurer's office at 339-4050 by Noon, the previous day so that arrangements can be made.

Board Members
Alderspersons
Mayor Michael J. Walsh
Larry Delo, City Administrator
Judy Schmidt-Lehman, City Attorney
Marty Kosobucki
Shana Ledvina, City Clerk
City Hall 1st and 2nd Floor
John Zegers, WDP High School District
Ella Buboltz, Teen Advisor
Mary Meyer
Ken Peterson, De Pere City Band
Amy Hobbins, De Pere Chamber of Comm

De Pere Youth Hockey
Tod Maki, De Pere Select Soccer
De Pere Area Chamber of Commerce
Definitely De Pere
Brown County Library – De Pere
TV & Radio Stations
De Pere Rapides Youth Soccer
De Pere Baseball
Ben Villaruel, De Pere School District
Lydia McMorrow, Teen Advisor
Wochinske Foundation
Robert Tease, Celebrate De Pere
Tina Quigley, Definitely De Pere

Notice is hereby given that a majority of the Members of the Common Council of the City of De Pere may attend this meeting to gather information about a subject (s) over which they have decision making responsibility.

***All items marked with an asterisk will be forwarded to the Common Council.**

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Lahtela